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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1531.5B

From: Chief of Naval Operations  
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: NOMINATIONS TO THE U.S. NAVAL  
ACADEMY FOR CHILDREN OF  
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED  
FORCES INCLUDING RESERVES,  
ACTIVE, RETIRED, DISABLED OR  
DECEASED

Encl: (1) Sample Request for Presidential  
Nomination

1. **Purpose.** To provide information concerning opportunities available to children of members of the Armed Forces, including Reserves, for nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA). This instruction has been revised extensively and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. **Cancellation.** OPNAVINST 1531.5A.

3. **Background.** The Secretary of the Navy, acting for the President, is authorized each year to appoint to USNA, under Title 10 USC, section 6954, children of members of the Armed Forces from the following categories:

a. **Presidential.** The President may appoint 100 midshipmen every year, selected from children of members of an armed force (Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard) who:

(1) Are on active duty (other than for training) and who have served continuously on active duty for at least 8 years.

(2) Are, or who died while they were, retired with pay or granted retired or retainer pay, other than those granted retired pay under Section 1331 of Title 10, USC.

b. **Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans, and Children of Prisoners of War (POW) and Servicemembers Missing in Action (MIA).** There may be at the Naval Academy at any one time 65 midshipmen who are children of members of the Armed Forces who:

(1) were killed in action, or died of, or have a service-connected disability rated at not less than 100 per centum resulting from:

(a) wounds or injuries received, or

(b) diseases contracted in, or

(c) pre-existing injury or disease aggravated by active service.

(2) are POW or MIA.

Those eligible under this category may not be selected as Presidential nominees under paragraph 3a.

4. **Information.** USNA offers an outstanding opportunity for qualified young people to embark on careers as officers in the United States Navy or United States Marine Corps. Students at USNA are Midshipmen, U.S. Navy, receiving tuition, room, board and monthly pay. Upon graduation, they receive a bachelor of science degree and a regular commission in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps. Graduates are obligated to serve at least 5 years on active duty upon graduation.

5. **Eligibility Requirements.** In order to be eligible for a nomination for admission to the Naval Academy under this instruction, an applicant must be:

a. The natural or adopted child of a member of the Armed Forces in a category defined above. Stepchildren are not eligible unless adopted by the servicemember.

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b. A citizen of the United States.

c. At least 17 years of age and must not have passed his/her 22nd birthday on 1 July of the calendar year of entry into the Academy.

d. Unmarried, not pregnant and have no legal obligation to support a child, children or other individual.

e. Of good moral character.

**6. Action**

a. Addressees are requested to give widespread publicity within both the command and the adjacent military communities to enable all eligible personnel to apply. Particular emphasis should be placed on the fact that children of enlisted personnel, as well as officer personnel, are eligible.

b. Interested candidates should be urged to obtain additional information from the current U.S. Naval Academy catalog. In particular, candidates should be urged to apply for all categories of nominations for which they are eligible.

c. Eligible young persons should mail their requests for nomination directly to the Superintendent (Attn: Nominations and Appointments Office), U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland 21402. For requests for Presidential nominations, utilize format at enclosure (1). The deadline date for receipt of requests for the class entering in July is 31 January. If eligible for nomination based on the information provided in the request, and if standardized test scores (American College Test (ACT), Enhanced ACT (EACT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or Preliminary SAT (PSAT)) meet the minimum required for admission, the candidate will receive a candidate application packet from USNA which should be completed and submitted expeditiously.

**7. Availability of Publications.** Additional supplies of Naval Academy literature may be obtained from the Superintendent (Attn: Candidate Guidance Office), U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland 21402.

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## REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

(This application should be submitted after 1 July of the year preceding desired year of entry.)

To: Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy  
ATTN: Nominations and Appointments  
Annapolis, Maryland 21402

Dear Sir,

\_\_\_\_\_(Date)\_\_\_\_\_

I request a Presidential nomination to the United States Naval Academy for the class which will enter in the summer of \_\_\_\_ and submit the following data:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Give full name as shown on birth certificate or, if changed, attach copy of court order)

ADDRESS: (Include ZIP Code)  
Permanent

Temporary

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
(spell out month)

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required to file application)

ETHNIC ORIGIN: \_\_\_\_\_ (Black, Oriental, Hispanic, native American (American Indian, native Alaskan), Puerto Rican, Caucasian, etc.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

MONTH/YEAR OF GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST SCORES: PSAT V \_\_\_\_\_ PSAT M \_\_\_\_\_ SAT V \_\_\_\_\_ SAT M \_\_\_\_\_  
ACT V \_\_\_\_\_ ACT M \_\_\_\_\_ EACT V \_\_\_\_\_ EACT N \_\_\_\_\_

The number of the Congressional District in which I plan to apply for a nomination is the \_\_\_\_\_ located in the State of \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting nominations from the following Members of Congress:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure (1)

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UNCORRECTED VISION: Right 20/\_\_\_\_, Left 20/\_\_\_\_  
CORRECTED: Right 20/\_\_\_\_, Left 20/\_\_\_\_

If member of military, check here \_\_\_\_\_. List rank, component, branch of service, organizational address below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION REGARDING PARENT'S MILITARY SERVICE:

Name of parent: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(parent's rank, social security number, component and branch of service)

Are you the natural or adopted child of the above named servicemember?  
(NOTE: Stepchildren are not eligible unless adopted by the servicemember)  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: In establishing your eligibility for a Presidential nomination, you should determine which of the three service-connected categories applies to your parent, and forward the appropriate documents and information to the Naval Academy along with your letter of application for a nomination.

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty Officer: (Attach statement of service prepared by personnel officer specifying all periods of active duty.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Duty Enlisted: (Attach statement of service prepared by personnel officer specifying all periods of active duty and listing dates of enlistment and expiration of enlistment.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Retired or Deceased: (Furnish date and copy of retirement orders or casualty report. If appropriate, include brief statement concerning the date, place and cause of death or details of disability together with the Veterans Administration Claim Number. If eligible, applicant will be given a nomination in the Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans Category.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature